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Date: June 12, 2000

To: Chairman Prince
Board Member Ing
Board Member Kreiter

From: Teresa Berntsen, Policy, Legislative, and Media Relations

Re: Approval to File 103 on Proposed Chapter Regarding Beer and Wine Tax

DEFENDANT'S
EXHIBIT

CASE
NO. C04-0360P

EXHIBIT
NO. 536

I am requesting Board approval to proceed with final rule making and the filing of the CR-103 for the attached proposed chapter regarding the reporting and payment procedures for beer and wine taxes. This chapter, 314-19 WAC, would replace portions of 314-16, 314-20, 314-24, and 314-26 WAC.

These proposed rules are a result of recommendations from a process improvement team lead by Heidi Whisman. This team worked extensively with process owners and stakeholders to ensure the proposed changes are fair and beneficial to the industry and to staff. The Board also held public hearings on the proposed rules on May 24 in Olympia and May 31 in Seattle. Several persons testified in favor of the rules. The revised rules would make the following changes:

- move the beer tax liability from breweries to beer distributors, making this process consistent with wine tax collection;
- revise the surety bond requirement from mandatory for all licensees with a tax liability to a requirement only for those consistently late in reporting and paying taxes; and
- add an option for an assignment of savings account as an alternative to acquiring a surety bond.

The attached rules reflect several technical changes to the rules originally published for public input. The revisions are minor, and do not change the purpose or intent of the original proposal. If approved, I will prepare a concise explanatory statement that will be sent to all persons who gave comment. The attached rule language will then be filed with the Office of the Code Reviser, with an effective date of September 1, 2000 (to allow time for educational outreach to licensees).

☒ Approve ☐ Disapprove

Eugene A. Prince, Chair

6-14-00
Date

☒ Approve ☐ Disapprove

Vera Ing, Board Member

6/14/00
Date

☒ Approve ☐ Disapprove

Katherine Kreiter, Board Member

6/14/00
Date

Attachment

Resp to Costco RFP
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